

JS 44 (Rev. 04/21) FLSD Revised 12/02/2022

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.) NOTICE: Attorneys MUST Indicate All Re-filed Cases Below.

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

DEFENDANTS DOW JONES & COMPANY, INC. d/b/a THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, NEWS CORPORATION, KEITH RUPERT MURDOCH, KHADEEJA SAFDAR, JOSEPH PALAZZOLO and ROBERT THOMSON
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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County of Residence of First Listed Defendant New York, New York
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

(d) Check County Where Action Arose: MIAMI-DADE MONROE BROWARD PALM BEACH MARTIN ST. LUCIE INDIAN RIVER OKEECHOBEE HIGHLANDS**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question
(U.S. Government Not a Party) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity
(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III) |

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen of This State | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> DEF | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State | <input type="checkbox"/> PTF <input type="checkbox"/> DEF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT

- 110 Insurance
- 120 Marine
- 130 Miller Act
- 140 Negotiable Instrument
- 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment
- 151 Medicare Act
- 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans)
- 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits
- 160 Stockholders' Suits
- 190 Other Contract
- 195 Contract Product Liability
- 196 Franchise

TORTS

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| PERSONAL INJURY | PERSONAL INJURY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane | <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability | <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/ Pharmaceutical |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury Product Liability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability | <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine | |

Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions

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| FORFEITURE/PENALTY | BANKRUPTCY | OTHER STATUTES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 | <input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 | <input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other | <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 | <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit (15 USC 1681 or 1692) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes |

REAL PROPERTY

- 210 Land Condemnation
- 220 Foreclosure
- 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment
- 240 Torts to Land
- 245 Tort Product Liability
- 290 All Other Real Property

CIVIL RIGHTS

- 440 Other Civil Rights
- 441 Voting
- 442 Employment
- 443 Housing/ Accommodations
- 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment
- 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other
- 448 Education

PRISONER PETITIONS

- | | |
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| Habeas Corpus: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty Other: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement | |

V. ORIGIN

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Original Proceeding | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Removed from State Court | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Re-filed (See VI below) | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Transferred from another district (specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Multidistrict Litigation Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Remanded from Appellate Court |
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VI. RELATED/ RE-FILED CASE(S)(See instructions: a) Re-filed Case YES NOb) Related Cases YES NO

DOCKET NUMBER:

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and Write a Brief Statement of Cause (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity).
VII. CAUSE OF ACTION Defamation Per Se and Defamation Per Quod

LENGTH OF TRIAL via days estimated (for both sides to try entire case)

VIII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 **DEMAND \$** In Excess of \$75,000.00 CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: Yes No
ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE & CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
DATE SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

07/18/2025

/s/ Alejandro Brito

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY : RECEIPT #

AMOUNT

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JUDGE

MAG JUDGE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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I. (a) **Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) **County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)

(c) **Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked. Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

IV. Nature of Suit. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).

V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Refiled (3) Attach copy of Order for Dismissal of Previous case. Also complete VI.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (8) Check this box if remanded from Appellate Court.

VI. Related/Refiled Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases or re-filed cases. Insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judges name for such cases.

VII. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553

Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

VIII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction. Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.